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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SSCI Security Consultation - 19 November 1985

1. On 19 November 1985, the undersigned interviewed Mr. Joseph T. Mayer, who is a designee for Senator Frank Murkowski. Mr. Mayer has been with the SSCI staff since September 1983. Prior to working for Senator Murkowski (R., AK), Mr. Mayer worked for Senator Jake Garn (R., UT). The Mayer interview on security at the SSCI was lean in content. A few points are, however, worth noting for the record:

- ° Mayer was the first interviewee in the current effort who has not seen significant improvement in SSCI physical security arrangements following the move to the Hart building.
- ° Mayer believes that SSCI has only scratched the surface in implementing its logical role as the "security conscience" of the Senate. Mayer sees that security problems largely flow from the principals, i.e., Senators and Congressmen rather than from Congressional staffers. Mayer sees that the Senators' offices and the Congressmen's offices are the places most in need of security improvements as opposed to committee spaces on Capitol Hill.
- ° Mayer had a lot of things to say, not many complimentary, about the security education efforts that attend the arrival of new SSCI staff personnel. He believes that the material presented on "codeword" security is a huge jumble which clearly needs cleaning up. Mayer's point is that codeword security should be a graduate course presented only after basic security instruction has been received.
- ° Mayer joined the chorus of staffers at SSCI complaining about the lack of secure telephones in the SSCI facilities.

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- Mayer sees a great need for the creation of some guidelines to be used by the Senators and Congressmen in their press relations. He thinks that oftentimes these individuals inadvertently reveal classified information through ignorance. He admits that providing training in this area would be extremely difficult to orchestrate, but he strongly supports the effort to do so.
2. There was nothing beyond the above worth reporting.



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